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At the end of the meeting held December 1964, the Swiss Federal Advisory Committee for Space Affairs, composed of representatives of the Administration and the scientific and industrial communities, published an official statement which emphasized the importance of space research for Swiss industry and its further development and the necessity of a theoretical organization of space research for the domestic program of Switzerland.

Since then, continued studies have led to the formation of the Swiss Association for Space Research. This new organization, includes about fifty representatives of scientific institutes and industrial enterprises as well as a hundred personalities from the university and business world.

It is further necessary to stress the importance of industry as the heart of this association. The Swiss, who enjoy a traditional mastery of industry, see an irreplaceable element of progress in space techniques.

The Association will be concerned with the formation of groups of experts, the relationship of Switzerland with international space organizations and the study of interesting projects of a number of Swiss enterprises. There is no doubt that the study will deal in particular with the conditions which will enable Switzerland to construct a receiving station on Earth to receive satellite telecommunications. Let us summon Switzerland to participate in the European organization of space research (CERS-ESRO).